

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 are withdrawn, Claims 7-12 have been amended, leaving Claims 7-12 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 9 and 12 are objected to because of the following informalities: In the claims 9 and 12, line 5, the Examiner suggests changing "the a" to "a". Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Specification

In reviewing the specification, a couple minor typographical errors were noted and corrected. More particularly, on page 1 an extra comma was deleted and on page 6 the word "fist" was amended to "first". Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

Claims 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 7-12 to provide consistency in the style of claiming and to more clearly define Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee(s) be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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